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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1794.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary:

UNITED STATES, November 21st, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

In the negotiation between the United States and his Catholic Majesty, I have received satisfactory proofs of attention and ability, exerted in behalf of the United States, to bring it to a happy and speedy issue. But it is probable that, by complying with an intimation made to the Secretary of State by the Commissioners of his Catholic Majesty, much further delay in concluding it may be prevented. Notwithstanding, therefore, I retain full confidence in our Minister resident at Madrid, who is charged with powers as Commissioner Plenipotentiary, I nominate

Thomas Pinckney, to be Envoy Extraordinary of the United States to His Catholic Majesty, for the purpose of negotiating of and concerning the navigation of the river Mississippi, and such other matters relative to the confines of their territories, and the intercourse to be had thereon, as the mutual interests and general harmony of neighboring and friendly nations require, should be precisely adjusted and regulated; and of and concerning the general commerce between the said United States and the kingdoms and dominions of his said Catholic Majesty.

It is believed that, by his temporary absence from London, in the discharge of these new functions, no injury will arise to the United States.

I also nominate

John Miller Russell, of Massachusetts, to be Consul of the United States of America for the port of St. Petersburg, in Russia, and for such other places as shall be nearer to the said port than to the residence of any other Consul or Vice-Consul of the United States within the same allegiance.

Joseph Pitcairn, of New York, to be Vice-Consul of the United States of America at Paris, vice Alexander Duverniet, superseded; and

Nathaniel Brush, of Vermont, to be Supervisor for the United States in the district of Vermont, vice Noah Smith, who has resigned.

Go. WASHINGTON.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie for consideration.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1794.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the message of the President of the United States, of the 21st instant, containing the nomination of—
Thomas Pinckney, to be Envoy Extraordinary of the United States to His Catholic Majesty.

John Miller Russell, of Massachusetts, to be Consul of the United States of America for the port of St. Petersburg, in Russia.

Joseph Pitcairn, of New York, to be Vice-Consul of the United States at Paris; and

Nathaniel Brush, of Vermont, to be Supervisor for the United States in the District of Vermont; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointments, agreeable to the nominations, respectively.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay this resolution before the President of the United States.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1794.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary:

UNITED STATES, *December 10th*, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I nominate the following persons to fill the offices respectively annexed to their names, some of which became vacant during the recess of the Senate:

Arthur St. Clair, to be Governor in and over the Territory of the United States northwest of the river Ohio, continued, the legal term of his former appointment having expired.

Winthrop Sargent, to be Secretary in and over the Territory of the United States northwest of the river Ohio, continued, the legal term of his former appointment having expired.

William Blount, to be Governor in and over the Territory of the United States south of the river Ohio, continued, the legal term of his former appointment having expired.

Daniel Smith, to be Secretary in and over the Territory of the United States south of the river Ohio, continued, the legal term of his former appointment having expired.

William Peck, to be Marshal of and for the Rhode Island District, continued, the legal term of his former appointment having expired.

Michael Payne, to be Marshal of and for the North Carolina District, vice John Skinner, resigned.

Jacob Graybell, to be Marshal of and for the Maryland District, vice Nathaniel Ramsay, appointed Naval Officer of Baltimore.

Timothy Pickering, to be Postmaster General, under the act of Congress of the 8th of May, 1794.

Henry Miller, of Pennsylvania, to be Supervisor for the Pennsylvania District, vice George Clymer, resigned.

Thomas Marshal, of Kentucky, to be Supervisor for the District of Ohio, and Inspector of the Revenue for Survey No. 1, in the said District.

Ebenezer Sproat, to be Inspector of the Revenue for Survey No. 2, in the District of Ohio.

Robert Purviance, of Baltimore, to be Collector for the District of Baltimore, vice Otho H. Williams, deceased.

William Selby, of Maryland, to be Collector for the District of Snow Hill, and Inspector of the Revenue for the several ports within the said District, vice John Gunby, resigned.

Nathaniel Ramsay, of Maryland, to be Naval Officer for the District of Baltimore, vice Robert Purviance, appointed Collector.

William Reynolds, of Virginia, to be Collector for the District of York Town, and Inspector of the Revenue for the port of York Town, vice Abraham Archer, superseded.

Thomas Jones, of Virginia, to be Collector for the District of Hampton, and Inspector of the Revenue for the port of Hampton, vice George Wray, resigned.

Francis Coffyn, to be Consul of the United States of America for the port of Dunkirk, in France, and for such other places as shall be nearer to the said port than to the residence of any other Consul or Vice-Consul of the United States within the same allegiance.

Philip Feliechy, to be Consul of the United States of America for the port of Leghorn, and for such other places as shall be nearer to the said port than to the residence of any other Consul or Vice-Consul of the United States within the same allegiance, he having been nominated at the last session by the name of *Peter Feliechy*.

Hans Heissel, to be Consul of the United States of America, to reside on the Coast of Barbary; and

William Vans, junior, to be Consul of the United States of America for the port of Morlaix, in France, and for such other places as shall be nearer to the said port than to the residence of any other Consul or Vice-Consul of the United States within the same allegiance.

Go. WASHINGTON.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie for consideration.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1794.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the message of the President of the United States, of the 10th instant, containing the nomination of Arthur St. Clair and others, to offices; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment, agreeable to the nominations respectively, except to that of Thomas Marshall, postponed for further information.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay this resolution before the President of the United States.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1794.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of Thomas Marshall, contained in the message of the President of the United States, of the 10th instant; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to this appointment, agreeable to the nomination.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay this resolution before the President of the United States.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1794.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary:

UNITED STATES, *December 17th*, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I nominate Charles Cochran, of South Carolina, to be Marshal of and for the District of South Carolina, vice Daniel L. Huger, resigned; and

Thomas Waters Griffith, of Maryland, to be Consul of the United States of America, for the port of Havre Marat, in France, and for such other places as shall be nearer to the said port than to the residence of any other Consul or Vice-Consul of the United States within the same allegiance.

Go. WASHINGTON.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie for consideration.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1794.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the message of the President of the United States, of the 17th instant, containing the nomination of Charles Cochran and Thomas Waters Griffith to offices; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointments, agreeable to the nominations respectively.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay this resolution before the President of the United States.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1794.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary:

UNITED STATES, *December 29th*, 1790.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I nominate the following persons for the promotions to which they are entitled in the Legion of the United States. Nominations for new appointments may hereafter be made.

Cavalry.

Leonard Covington, Captain, vice Fleming, deceased.

John Webb, Captain, 20th August, 1794, vice Ms. Campbell, killed.

John Posey, Lieutenant, vice Covington, promoted.

Wm. H. Blue, Lieutenant, vice Dunn, deceased.

Matthias Slough, Jr. Lieutenant, 20th August, 1794, vice Webb, promoted.

First Sub-Legion.

Bernard Gaines, Captain, 30th June, 1794, vice Kersey, promoted.

Bartholomew Shomberg, Captain, 30th June, 1794, vice Hartshorne, killed.

John Wade, Captain, 1st July, vice Peters, promoted.

Ross Bird, Captain, 6th July, vice Jeffers, resigned.

Third Sub-Legion.

William MacRea, Captain, vice Hannah, deceased.

Fourth Sub-Legion.

Thomas Butler, Lieutenant Colonel Commandant, 1st July, 1794, vice Clark, resigned.

Wm. Kersey, Major, 30th June, vice McMahan, killed.

Wm. Peters, Major, July 1, vice Butler, promoted.

The following persons having been conditionally appointed by me during the recess of the Senate, to perform the several offices hereinafter mentioned, I now therefore nominate them for the advice and consent of the Senate:

Artillerists and Engineers.

William Aylet Lee, Virginia, Captain, vice Williamson, declined, to rank from 12th July, 1794.

Michael Kalteisen, South Carolina, Captain, vice Pitkin, declined, to rank from 18th July, 1794.

Donald Grant Mitchell, Connecticut, Captain, vice Morris, declined, to rank from 8th August, 1794.

David Hale, Vermont, Lieutenant, vice Yates, declined, to rank from 17th July, 1794.

Theophilus Elmer, New Jersey, Lieutenant, vice Dinsmoor, resigned, to rank from 17th July, 1794.

Wm. Wilson, Maryland, Lieutenant, vice Drinkwater, declined, to rank from 17th July, 1794.

Horatio Dayton, New Jersey, Lieutenant, vice Ripley, declined, to rank from 17th July, 1794.

William Morris, Georgia, Lieutenant, vice Habersham, declined, to rank from 29th July, 1794.

George Hardy, Virginia, Lieutenant, vice Barton, declined, to rank from 29th July, 1794.

Ensigns to fill vacancies in the Sub-Legions.

Jonathan Remington, Massachusetts, vice Sullivan, declined, to rank from 17th July, 1794.

John W. Thompson, Massachusetts, vice Jackson, declined, to rank from 17th July, 1794.

Edward Voss, Virginia, vice Bradley, declined, to rank from 17th July, 1794.

Edward Chatham, Maryland, vice Hoyt, declined, to rank from 1st August, 1794.

Yelverton Peyton, Virginia, vice Hoge, declined, to rank from 1st August, 1794.

Go. WASHINGTON.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie for consideration.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1794.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the message of the President of the United States, of the 29th instant, containing the nomination of Leonard Covington and others to military offices; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointments, agreeable to the nominations respectively; except those of the Artillerists, Engineers and Ensigns in the Sub-Legions, postponed for further information.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay this resolution before the President of the United States.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary:

UNITED STATES, *December 30th*, 1794.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I lay before you, for your consideration, certain additional articles of the treaty with the Cherokees, stipulated the 28th of June last, together with the conferences which occasioned the formation of the said articles.

Go. WASHINGTON.

The message and papers were read.

Ordered, That they lie for consideration.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1794.

The Senate resumed the consideration of that part of the message of the President of the United States, of the 29th instant, containing nominations of officers in the corps of Artillerists and Engineers, and Ensigns in the Sub-Legions; and, after debate,

Ordered, That it be referred to Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Hawkins, to consider and report thereon to the Senate.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 1795.

The following written messages were received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary:

UNITED STATES, *January 2d*, 1795.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

A spirit of discontent, from several causes, arose in the early part of the present year, among the Six Nations of Indians, and particularly on the ground of a projected settlement by Pennsylvania, at Presque Isle, upon Lake Erie. The papers, upon this point, have already been laid before Congress. It was deemed proper, on my part, to endeavor to tranquillize the Indians, by pacific measures. Accordingly, a time and place was appointed, at which a free conference should be had, upon all the causes of discontent, and an Agent was appointed, with the instructions of which No. 1, herewith transmitted, is a copy.

A numerous assembly of Indians was held in Canandaigua, in the State of New York, the proceedings whereof accompany this message, marked No. 2.

The two treaties, the one with the Six Nations, and the other with the Oneida, Tuscorora, and Stockbridge Indians, dwelling in the country of the Oneidas, which have resulted from the mission of the Agent, are herewith laid before the Senate, for their consideration and advice.

The original engagement of the United States to the Oneidas, is also sent herewith.

Go. WASHINGTON.

UNITED STATES, *January 2d*, 1795.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I nominate Timothy Pickering, to be Secretary for the Department of War, vice Henry Knox, who has resigned that office.

Go. WASHINGTON.

The message and papers accompanying the treaties, were respectively read.

Ordered, That they lie for consideration.

It was agreed, by unanimous consent, to dispense with the rule, and proceed to the consideration of the nomination of Timothy Pickering to be Secretary for the Department of War; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment, agreeable to the nomination.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay this resolution before the President of the United States.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1795.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the message of the President of the United States, of the 2d instant, and the treaty with the Six Nations of Indians therein referred to; and,

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the treaty be postponed.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the message from the President of the United States, of the 30th of December last, and the additional articles to the treaty, made by General Knox, on behalf of the United States, with the Cherokee Indians.

On motion,

Ordered, That they be referred to Mr. Jackson, Mr. Hawkins, and Mr. Brown, to consider and report thereon to the Senate.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1795.

The papers respecting the negotiation of a treaty of peace, by Timothy Pickering, on behalf of the United States, with the Six Nations of Indians, referred to in the message of the President of the United States, of the 2d instant, were read.

Ordered, That they lie for consideration.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1795.

On motion,

Ordered, That the treaty made by Timothy Pickering, Commissioner on the part of the United States, with the Six Nations, be referred to Mr. Strong, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Brown, to consider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Rutherford, from the Committee appointed to consider the message of the President of the United States, of the 29th of December last, made report. Whereupon,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of William Aylet Lee, to be a Captain in the corps of Artillerists and Engineers; and on the question to advise and consent to his appointment, conformable to the nomination, it passed in the negative.

And the question being put on the several subsequent nominations contained in the said message, of the 29th of December last,

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointments, agreeable to the nominations respectively.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay this resolution before the President of the United States.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1795.

Mr. Jackson reported, from the Committee appointed to consider the articles agreed on by General Knox, in behalf of the United States, with the Cherokee Indians, and communicated with the message of the President of the United States, of the 30th of December last, that they be ratified.

Whereupon,

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senate concurring therein,) That they do advise and consent to the ratification thereof.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay this resolution before the President of the United States.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1795.

Mr. Strong reported, from the Committee appointed to consider the treaties made by Timothy Pickering, Commissioner on behalf of the United States, with the Six Nations of Indians, of the 11th of November, 1794; and also the treaty with the Oneida, Tuscorora, and Stockbridge Indians, of the 2d of December, 1794. Whereupon,

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senate concurring therein,) That they advise and consent to the ratification of the treaty above-mentioned, with the Six Nations.

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senate concurring therein,) That they advise and consent to the ratification of the treaty above-mentioned, with the Oneida, Tuscorora, and Stockbridge Indians.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay these resolutions before the President of the United States.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1795.

The following written messages were received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary:

UNITED STATES, *February 2d*, 1795.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I nominate Oliver Wolcott, Jun. to be Secretary for the Treasury Department of the United States, vice Alexander Hamilton, who has resigned that office.

Go. WASHINGTON.

UNITED STATES, *February 2d*, 1795.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I nominate the following persons to fill the offices annexed to their respective names:

Matthew Clarkson, to be Commissioner of Loans for the State of New York, vice John Cochran, resigned.

John Burnham, to be Collector for the port of Gloucester, in Massachusetts, vice Eppes Sargent, resigned.

Enoch Sawyer, to be Collector of Camden, in North Carolina, vice Isaac Gregory, resigned.

Thomas Collier, to be Collector for the port of Hardwick, in Georgia, vice William Thompson, deceased.

John James, to be Collector for the port of Sunbury, in Georgia, vice John Lawson, resigned.

Laurence Mooney, to be Surveyor for the port of Winnton, in North Carolina, vice William Winn, resigned.

Frederick B. Sawyer, to be Surveyor for the port of New-bigger Creek, in North Carolina, vice Elias Albertson, removed from the district.

Levi Blount, to be Surveyor for the port of Plymouth, in North Carolina, vice John Armistead, resigned.

Ebenezer Graham, to be Surveyor for the port of Bennett's Creek, in North Carolina, vice John Baker, resigned.

Richard Jordan, to be Surveyor for the port of Lewellensburgh, in Maryland, vice Jeremiah Jordan, resigned.

Robert Banning, to be Collector for the port of Oxford, in Maryland, and Inspector of the Revenue for the same, vice Jeremiah Banning, resigned; and

William Nicholls, of Philadelphia, to be Inspector of the Revenue for Survey No. 1, in the District of Pennsylvania.

Go. WASHINGTON.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they lie for consideration.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1795.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the message of the President of the United States, of the 2d instant, containing the nomination of Oliver Wolcott, Jun. to be Secretary for the Treasury Department of the United States; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment, agreeable to the nomination.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay this resolution before the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the message of the President of the United States, of the 2d instant, containing the nomination of Matthew Clarkson and others, to offices; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointments, agreeably to the nominations respectively.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay this resolution before the President of the United States.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1795.

The following written confidential message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary:

UNITED STATES, *February 4th*, 1795.

Gentlemen of the Senate, and of the House of Representatives:

I lay before Congress, for their consideration, a letter from the Secretary of State, upon the subject of loans, which is extremely interesting and urgent.

Go. WASHINGTON.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie for consideration.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1795.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary:

UNITED STATES, *February 10th*, 1795.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I nominate John Pickering, to be district Judge of New Hampshire, vice John Sullivan, deceased; and

Benjamin Woods, to be Attorney for the United States in the district of North Carolina, vice William Hill, resigned.

Go. WASHINGTON.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie for consideration.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1795.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the message of the President of the United States, of the 10th instant, containing the nomination of John Pickering and Benjamin Woods to offices; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointments, agreeable to the nominations, respectively.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay this resolution before the President of the United States.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1795.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary:

UNITED STATES, *February 18th*, 1795.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I nominate James Frazier to be Collector for the district of Vienna, in Maryland, and Inspector of the Revenue for the same, vice John Muir, superseded.

Go. WASHINGTON.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie for consideration.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1795.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the message of the President of the United States, of the 18th inst. containing the nomination of

James Frazier, to be Collector for the district of Vienna, in Maryland; and Inspector of the Revenue for the same, vice John Muir, superseded, and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeable to the nomination.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay this resolution before the President of the United States.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1795.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary:

UNITED STATES, *February 24th*, 1795.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I nominate the following persons to fill the offices respectively annexed to their names:

Joseph Habersham, of Georgia, to be Postmaster General, vice Timothy Pickering, appointed Secretary of War.

Jonathan Jackson, of Massachusetts, to be Comptroller of the Treasury, vice Oliver Wolcott, Jr. appointed Secretary of the Treasury.

Tench Francis, of Pennsylvania, to be Purveyor of Public Supplies.

John Overton, to be Supervisor of the Revenue, for the district of Tennessee, in the Territory of the United States south-west of the river Ohio.

John Frothingham, to be Inspector of the Revenue for Survey No. 1, in the district of Massachusetts.

Constant Somers, to be Collector of the district of Great Egg Harbor, in the State of New Jersey, vice Daniel Benezet, superseded.

Go. WASHINGTON.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie for consideration.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1795.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary:

UNITED STATES, *February 25th*, 1795.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I nominate the following persons for promotions and appointments in the army of the United States.

Corps of Artillerists and Engineers.

Stephen Rochefontaine, Lieutenant Colonel Commandant.

Lewis Tousard, Major.

John Jacob Ulrick Rivardi, Major.

Constant Freeman, Jr. Massachusetts, Major.

Abimael Young Nicoll, Captain, 29th November, 1794, vice Taylor, resigned.

Staats Morris, Captain, vice Williamson, declined.

John M. Lovell, Massachusetts, Lieutenant, to fill a vacancy occasioned by an original appointment.

Peter Talman, New-Jersey,	do	vice Grayson, deceased.
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Joseph Guimpe,	do	vice Carter, deceased.
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John Saunders, Virginia,	do	vice Coleman, declined.
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Nathaniel Cudworth, Massachusetts,	do	vice Nicoll, promoted.
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Thomas Underwood, Virginia,	do	vice Smith, resigned.
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First Sub-Legion.

Bezaleel Howe, Major, 20th October, 1794, vice Hughes, resigned.

Ferdinand Leigh Claiborne, Lieut. 30 June, 1794, vice Gaines, promoted.

John Breck,	do	do	“	vice Shomberg,	do.
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Edmund Taylor,	do	July 1,	“	vice Wade,	do.
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Elijah Strong,	do	July 6,	“	vice Bird,	do.
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Rezin Webster,	do	July 11,	“	vice Montfort, resigned.
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Second Sub-Legion.

Andrew Marschalk, Captain, 20th October, 1794, vice Howe, promoted.

Howell Cobb, Lieutenant, vice Younghusband, deceased.

Joseph Campbell, do 20th October, 1794, vice Marschalk, promoted.

Third Sub-Legion.

Levi McClean, Lieutenant, 30th June, 1794, vice Craig, killed.

Fourth Sub-Legion.

Richard Butler, Lieutenant, 20th August, 1794, vice Towles, killed.

Go. WASHINGTON.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie for consideration.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the message of the President of the United States, of the 24th instant, containing the nomination of Joseph Habersham and others, to offices; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeable to the nominations respectively.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay this resolution before the President of the United States.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1795.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the message of the President of the United States, of the 25th instant, containing the nomination of Stephen Rochefontaine and others, to military appointment; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeable to the nominations respectively, except to that of Constant Freeman, postponed for further inquiry.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay this resolution before the President of the United States.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1795.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the message of the President of the United States, of the 25th instant, nominating Constant Freeman, Jr. of Massachusetts, a Major in the corps of Artillerists and Engineers; and

Resolved, That they advise and consent to his appointment, agreeable to the nomination.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay this resolution before the President of the United States.

The following written confidential message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary:

Gentlemen of the Senate, and of the House of Representatives:

In my first communication to Congress, during their present session, I gave them reason to expect that "certain circumstances of our intercourse with foreign nations," would be transmitted to them. There was, at that time, every assurance for believing that some of the most important of our foreign affairs would have been concluded, and others considerably matured, before they should rise. But, notwithstanding I have waited until this moment, it has so happened that either from causes unknown to me, or from events which could not be controlled, I am yet unable to execute my origin-

al intention. That I may, however, fulfil the expectation given, as far as the actual situation of things will in my judgment permit, I now, *in confidence*, lay before Congress the following general statement.

Our Minister near the French Republic has urged compensation for the injuries which our commerce has sustained, from captures by French cruisers, from the non-fulfilment of the contracts of the agents of that Republic with our citizens, and from the embargo at Bordeaux. He has also pressed an allowance for the money voted by Congress, for relieving the inhabitants of St. Domingo. It affords me the highest pleasure to inform Congress that perfect harmony reigns between the two Republics; and that those claims are in a train of being discussed with candor, and of being amicably adjusted.

So much of our relation to Great Britain may depend upon the result of our late negotiations in London, that until that, result shall arrive, I cannot undertake to make any communication upon this subject.

After the negotiation with Spain had been long depending, unusual and unexpected embarrassments were raised to interrupt its progress. But the Commissioner of his Catholic Majesty, near the United States, having declared to the Secretary of State, that if a particular accommodation should be made in the *conducting* of the business, no further delay would ensue; I thought proper, under all circumstances, to send to his Catholic Majesty an Envoy Extraordinary, specially charged to bring to a conclusion the discussions which have been formerly announced to Congress.

The friendship of her most faithful Majesty has been often manifested in checking the passage of the Algerine corsairs into the Atlantic Ocean. She has also furnished occasional convoys to the vessels of the United States, even when bound to other ports than her own. We may therefore promise ourselves, that, as in the ordinary course of things, few causes can exist for dissatisfaction between the United States and Portugal; so the temper with which accidental difficulties will be met on each side, will speedily remove them.

Between the Executive of the United States and the government of the United Netherlands, but little intercourse has taken place during the last year. It may be acceptable to Congress to learn that our credit in Holland is represented as standing upon the most respectable footing.

Upon the death of the late Emperor of Morocco, an agent was despatched to renew with his successor, the treaty which the United States had made with *him*. The agent unfortunately died, after he had reached Europe, in the prosecution of his mission. But, until lately, it was impossible to determine, with any degree of probability, who of the competitors for that empire would be ultimately fixed in the supreme power. Although the measures which have been since adopted, for the renewal of the treaty, have been obstructed by the disturbed situation of Amsterdam, there are good grounds for presuming, as yet, upon the pacific disposition of the Emperor in fact, towards the United States, and that the past miscarriage will be shortly remedied.

Congress are already acquainted with the failure of the loan, attempted in Holland, for the relief of our unhappy fellow-citizens in Algiers. This subject, than which none deserves a more affectionate zeal, has constantly commanded my best exertions. I am happy, therefore, in being able to say, that, from the last authentic accounts, the Dey was disposed to treat for a peace and ransom, and that both would, in all probability, have been accomplished, had we not been disappointed in the means. Nothing which depends upon

the Executive shall be left undone, for carrying into immediate effect the supplementary act of Congress.

Go. WASHINGTON.

UNITED STATES, *February 28, 1795.*

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie for consideration.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1795.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Dandridge, his Secretary:

UNITED STATES, *March 3d, 1795.*

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I nominate Constant Somers to be Inspector of the Revenue for the port of Great Egg Harbor, in New Jersey, vice Daniel Benezet, superseded.

Go. WASHINGTON.

The message was read.

It was agreed, by unanimous consent, to dispense with the rule, and proceed to the consideration of the nomination of Constant Somers, to be Inspector of the Revenue for the port of Great Egg Harbor, in New Jersey; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeable to the nomination.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay this resolution before the President of the United States.

Attest:

SAM: A. OTIS, *Secretary.*

END OF THE NINTH SESSION